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BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, September 30:

Two weeks ended September 25. Vessels inspected and bills of health issued: September 14, the British steamship *Italian Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the British steamship *Ethalstan*, for Port Eads, in water ballast, with no passengers and with 2 new members of the crew signed on here; on the same date the Brazilian steamship *Goyaz* for New York, in general cargo and with 17 cabin and 3 steerage passengers, and with entire crew signed on here, the home port of this vessel; September 18, the British steamship *Verdi*, for New York, in coffee and general cargo, with 21 cabin and 9 steerage passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; September 20, the German steamship *Galicia*, for New York, with no passengers, and with no change in the crew, in coffee cargo; September 24, the British steamship *Coquet*, for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; and on the same date the British steamship *Torr Head*, for Tampa, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew. No other vessels requiring inspection left this port during the period under report.

Total estimated population of Rio de Janeiro, 811,443. Census population, 1907, 628,675.

Week ended September 19. Total deaths 224. No deaths nor cases due to yellow fever or plague. Smallpox caused no deaths, but there were 4 new cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao, 10 cases of smallpox and 2 of plague under treatment, and 31 suspicious cases of illness held for observation.

Week ended September 26. Total deaths 226. No cases nor deaths due to yellow fever. Plague caused 1 death, with 1 new reported case. Smallpox caused no deaths, but there were 3 new cases reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao, 7 cases of smallpox and 2 of plague under treatment, and 37 cases of suspicious illness held for observation.

CHINA.

Reports from Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Cholera, plague, and smallpox—Quarantine against arrivals from Amoy at ports in the Netherland Indies removed.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, September 13 and 20:

Week ended September 11. One bill of health issued.

September 7, the British steamship *Taisang*, with 65 in crew, 22 cabin and 27 steerage passengers for Manila, was granted an original bill of health. Two Chinese were rejected. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected by steam. All on board were inspected at the time of sailing. Manifests were viséed for 343 pieces of freight. Vessel anchored in the stream while in port.